(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite all emphasis on development of roads as a National Policy, the development of road infrastructure in Mumbai has been held up for want of approval of the MUIP;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to expedite clearance of the project; and

(e) what is the time-frame within which the same is expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has formulated the Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) for upgradation of roads, construction of flyovers and traffic network in Mumbai with the estimated cost of Rs. 2648 crore excluding land acquisition cost.

(c) to (e) The proposal was examined in the Planning Commission and the State Government was advised that as the infrastructural projects required substantial investments and in view of the financial constraints both at the State and the Central level, it was necessary to follow a consortium approach for financing such projects. The bulk of the resources should come from private/institutional sources with minimum budgetary support. There was also a need to pool in resources available under the related schemes of the Central Ministries. The State Government was also advised that problems regarding funding of viability gaps, if any, could be addressed through the Annual Plan mechanism.

Transferring of Centrally sponsored schemes

2501. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is identifying Centrally sponsored schemes that could be transferred to States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) held in Feb., 1999, a committee of the NDC was set up on the Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with members from both the States and the Centre. The term of the committee is up to the next NDC meeting.

Upkeeping of roads in Madhya Pradesh

†2602. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-compliance of prescribed norms by Madhya Pradesh Government for the last many years, the State Government has not been provided with the amount for the construction and upkeep of roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not providing money and the position which prevailed during the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The allocations for Madhya Pradesh has not been reduced. The final allocation for National Highways (original) works in Madhya Pradesh in 2003-04 was Rs. 72.52 crores, which has increased to Rs. 80 crores in 2004-05. Likewise final allocation for M&R during 2003-04 was Rs. 57.50 crores, which has increased to Rs. 61.09 crores during 2004-05. Money had been provided to State Government in 2003-04 as per their final demand.

Drivers training school in States

2503. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance is being provided for setting up of model drivers' training school in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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